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LUSAKA FOR WRAMPPELMEIER FROM SLEZAK

1. REGRET INABILITY OF WRAMPPELMEIER TO PARTICIPATE IN AF-EUR LABOR ATTACHE CONFERENCE, BUT APPRECIATE DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED.

2. LABOR DEVELOPMENTS IN ZAMBIA, NONETHELESS, ARE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST AND IMPORTANCE. HAD BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO LUSAKA PARTICIPATION IN DISCUSSIONS OF A NUMBER OF KEY ISSUES. IF WRAMPPELMEIER DEFINITELY UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE, WOULD WELCOME NOMINATION OF ANOTHER LUSAKA PARTICIPANT, IF POSSIBLE.

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3. DO NOT WISH TO OVERBURDEN READY HEAVILY OCCUPIED MISSION. IN THE EVENT PARTICIPATION NOT POSSIBLE, WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE ANY COMMENTS EMBASSY AT ITS CONVENIENCE MAY WISH TO MAKE ON FOLLOWING TOPICS FOR CONSIDERATION AT REGIONAL MEETINGS COMMENCING MAY 4.

4. TRADE UNION/PARTY RELATIONS: NEWSTEAD ZIMBA ZCTU PRESIDENT, HAS BEEN OPENLY CRITICAL OF GOZ ECONOMIC POLICY AND ALLEGED ABSENCE OF CONSULTATION WITH WORKER REPS IN FORMULATION AND IMPLEMENTATION THIS POLICY. HAS ZIMBA APPROACH, WHICH INDICATES DEGREE OF INDEPENDENCE UNUSUAL FOR AFRICA, ACHIEVED DESIRED RESULT? WHAT HAS BEEN GOZ RESPONSE? IS ZIMBA IN DANGER OF PARTY DISCIPLINE, OR WORSE, AS THE RESULT OF HIS CRITICISMS? OTHER COMMENTS RE: STATE OF ZCTU/PARTY/GOZ RELATIONSHIP WOULD BE HELPFUL.

5. ZCTU INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: PLEASE REPORT ANY FOLLOW-UP TO RECENT VISIT TO ZAMBIA OF WFTU GEN SEC GENSOUS. ARE INVITATIONS TO VISIT OR STUDY IN EASTERN EUROPE AS GUESTS OF WFTU AND ITS AFFILIATES BEING ACCEPTED? IF YES, AT WHAT LEVEL? IF ANY TRIPS HAVE ALREADY BEEN MADE WHAT HAS BEEN THE ZAMBIAN REACTION? ANY ATTEMPTS BY WFTU OR ITS AFFILIATES TO UNDERTAKE PROGRAMS OR PLACE INSTRUCTORS IN PRESIDENTS CITIZENSHIP COLLEGE OR ACTU TRAINING PROGRAMS? DOES IT APPEAR THAT ILO AND OTHER LABOR ORGANIZATIONS WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT CITIZENSHIP COLLEGE. WHAT IS THE CURRENT SITUATION BETWEEN ZCTU AND AALC?

6. SOUTH AFRICA: WHAT IS ZCTU VIEW OF US INVESTMENT IN SA AS IT RELATES TO BLACK WORKERS? IS IT SEEN AS A BUTTRESS FOR THE STATUS QUO OR AS A MEANS FOR IMPROVING THE LOT OF BLACK WORKERS. TO WHAT EXTENT DO ZCTU OPINIONS RE SA INFLUENCE OR REFLECT THOSE OF OTHER AFRICAN LABOR MOVEMENTS, INCLUDING THOSE OF NEARBY COUNTRIES WHICH SUPPLY LABOR TO SA AND ARE THEREFORE SOMEWHAT DEPENDENT UPON SA ECONOMY?

7. MANY THANKS. KISSINGER
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